





#### Police issue 194 tickets in seatbelt blitz

LAW During a province-wide seatbelt enforcement blitz last Wednesday and Thursday, Edmonton police handed out 194 tickets.

Of those, 167 were for adults not wearing a seat-

Eight of last year's 17 fatal collisions — and two of the four so far this year involved people not wearing their proper passenger restraints.

"It's astounding that with all we know about vehicle safety, some people still choose not to wear a seatbelt," said EPS Traffic Section S/Sgt. Bill Horne.

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#### St. Louis Stuck in the basement



Oilers defenceman Taylor Chorney shoots the puck while being closely defended by the St. Louis Blues' Paul Kariya in the first period of last night's game in St. Louis. The Oilers lost 2-1 and sit in last place in the Western Conference. Story, page 11.

# Nightclub shootout

#### Police on the hunt after four rushed to hospital

JEFF CUMMINGS for Metro Edmonton

Police are on the hunt for one shooter — or possibly more — after four people were rushed from a crowded west-end bar to hospital with gunshot wounds early Sunday morning.

A spray of bullets were fired through a window outside the nightclub, striking club-goers inside the Gingur Sky Lounge near 156 Street and 118 Avenue sometime before 2 a.m., police said.

"(A) female suffered three gunshot wounds, one into her leg and two into her back," said Edmonton Police Staff Sgt. Robin Plomp.

Plomp says a man who was shot three times in his lower back, buttocks and leg is suffering from serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The two other victims are in hospital with non-life-threatening juries - one was shot in the foot while the other was grazed by a bullet to the

#### **Gingur Lounge**

• The bar has been plagued with violence in recent years. A man was found dead in the nightclub's parking lot in 2006 and two people were treated for gunshot wounds after a shooting there last month.

neck, police said.

The city's public safety compliance team temporarily closed down the bar in 2008 after two violent incidents in one week.

Acting Sgt. Nicole Chapdelaine, an assistant coordinator with the city's public safety compliance team, says the recent shooting will result in another "process" that could see the bar close down

"We need to get all of our facts and all of the information put together in order to put forward our best case,' said Chapdelaine.

"We want to make sure we are doing a completely thorough investigation.'

### Garlic festival to be smelly, delicious

FOOD No other food can smell so bad, but taste so good.

That's why Sorrentinto's is kicking off its 19th annual Garlic Festival in Edmonton, when it celebrates a unique ingredient that's super pungent, yet super

Each of the six Sorrentinto's locations in the Capital Region will offer up a unique garlic menu between April 1 and May 7. That's over 150 dishes to choose from - everything from appetizers to desserts, say organizers.

Yes, garlic can be used in desserts, says Scott Kim, a CEO for Black Garlic — a California-based company that produces black garlic.

The company produces the black garlic by heating fresh white garlic to 290 C Once the pots are heated, Kim says the pots are buried in the ground where the garlic ferments and

cools over 21 days. "This offers a unique flavour," says Kim. "Chefs love the flavour as it offers a very unique, fruity, and sweet taste.'

Kim says the fermentation doubles the antioxidants in the herbal root and gets rid of the infamous, yet pungent smell.

But it doesn't come cheap, says Kim. Black garlic retails for roughly \$5 an ounce or \$76 per pound.

Money raised from Sorrentinto's Garlic Festival will go towards prostate cancer research through the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the University Hospital and the Alberta Cancer foundations. JEFF CUMMINGS/

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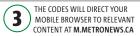
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# The joys, Pains of marriage | Local cyclist Whitten tak

MIRIAM ITZECK for Metro Edmonton

Now that the Olympics are over, Jeff Pain is travelling across Canada on a different course.

Together with his wife Aly, the skeleton athlete visited several bookstores in Edmonton over the weekend to promote their common work The Business of Marriage and Medals: A Relationship's Journey Through Elite Performance.

In the self-published book, the Pains, married for 13 years today, speak about the ups and downs of their relationship, hoping to inspire others to make things work.

"We really would like to impact as many relationships as possible," said Aly, who had the idea for writing the book. "It became very apparent

"It became very apparent to me that we had obviously done something right to make it through everything that we've been through and still be married and speaking."

speaking."
When it comes to the struggles within marriage, the couple knows what they're talking about. Aly proposed divorce three times. "I didn't know how



Above: Jeff Pain competes in the skeleton competition at the Vancouver Olympics. Right: Pain and his wife Aly at a launch event for their book.

to do it differently. I just knew it was awful," the 38-year-old mother of two boys said. "I felt like I was the sacrifice for Jeff's success and this wasn't what I signed up for."

Then something changed in the awareness of the relationship, Jeff said: "We just learned how to talk about and negotiate our roles and responsibilities and do a better job at understanding where we were going to be tomorrow and how we're going to get there."



Opening up to the public about the details of their struggles and successes was scary, Aly said. "I felt kind of nauseous. I felt, 'Oh boy, we're naked'."

While sons Kyle, 8, and Thomas, 6, are staying with Jeff's parents' home in Calgary, Jeff and Aly Pain will make one more stop in Edmonton today before visiting Kamloops and Kelowna.

Their book can be purchased online at www.marriageandmedals.com.

#### Local cyclist Whitten takes gold at world championship in Denmark

SPORTS Tara Whitten saved her best performance for last yesterday, earning her a gold medal at the track cycling world championships in Ballerup, Denmark.

Whitten, an Edmonton native, secured her second gold medal by winning the women's point race final on the last day of the event.

The 30-year-old also won the omnium event on Saturday, and said she was surprised to get a second gold.

"I didn't think I had anything left after winning the women's omnium yesterday, so I'm thrilled," she said.

Whitten earned 36 points to beat secondplace Lauren Ellis of New Zealand by three points. Tatsiana Sharakova from Belarus took the bronze.

A former cross-country skier, Whitten only began cycling in 2008.

She found immediate success in her new sport winning the points race and individual pursuit at the Canadian National Track Championships that year

She also took the bronze medal in the scratch race and 500 metre time trial events.

The men's and women's omnium will debut at the 2012 Olympics in London, England.

Whitten was ninth in the women's pursuit on Wednesday.

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#### **News** in brief

GAMES You can still own a piece of the 2010 Olympics — while helping the next generation of athletes. The Paint the Town Red banners displayed around the city for the Olympic torch relay and Games are going up for sale. During the Edmonton Olympic and Paralympic Celebration Day on

Tuesday, KidSport will sell them in Churchill Square. Edmontonians are encouraged to attend, wear red, and buy a banner to support kids in sport. HIT-AND-RUN Police have charged a 20-year-old man in relation to a fatal hit-and-run. On August 27, 2009, officers were called to a parking lot

near 99 Street and Jasper Avenue. Officers arrived on scene to find a male pedestrian already dead. Jay Prince Tuazon has been charged with dangerous driving causing death, failure to stop at the scene of a collision causing death, and criminal negligence causing death.

EARTH HOUR According to EP-COR, Edmontonians dropped power consumption by three per cent during Earth Hour on Saturday. Between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., many expressed environmental concern by participating in the 60 minute event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund. METRO EDMONTON

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# Canada



#### Diplomat hits out at foreign policy

A Canadian diplomat is blasting Canada's foreign policy, calling on the government to pull out of Afghanistan and focus on Africa instead. Robert Fowler, a special United Nations envoy to Niger, says the money invested in Afghanistan would go much further in Africa, where instability also poses a security threat to the West. Fowler says Canada's foreign policy has been hijacked by domestic political concerns, especially in its support for Israel.

#### Montreal Riding a digital wave



Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff delivers his closing address at the Canada 150 conference in Montreal yesterday. While the Liberals are using their policy renewal conference to kick the tires of ideas they hope to ride into office, the party almost seems more excited about the social networking technology they took for a test run this weekend, according to some observers.

# Canada to pay \$100M to join global Haiti recovery club

RECOVERY Canada is preparing to pay \$100 million to join an exclusive new international club that would guide the rebuilding of earthquake-ravaged Haiti, The Canadian Press has learned.

That's the price tag for a seat on the proposed Interim Haitian Recovery Commission, which is expected to be one of the key announcements to be made this week at the New York international donors' con-

ference on Haiti.

"Canada has been a major partner and a major donor to Haiti in the past years, so we will be there," said a senior government official.

"Not sure of the structure, but Canada will play a major role."

The new commission will be made up representatives from more than a dozen donor countries, the Haitian government, the Organization of American

States, the 15-country Caribbean bloc known as CARICOM, NGOs and international institutions.

Its creation is one of two major announcements expected from Wednesday's Haiti summit in New York, senior World Bank officials said

The other is the creation of a trust fund for Haiti's long-term reconstruction that would operate in concert with the commission.

The Canadian press The

# Ottawa plans major refugee system overhaul

Those from countries deemed dangerous to be fast-tracked

The federal government is ready to push forward with plans to shake up Canada's refugee system, aiming to quickly weed out posers and more efficiently accept people fleeing dangerous situations.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is expected to table new legislation as early as this week, or at the latest, by the end of April.

"To remove the years of uncertainty often faced by refugees in genuine need, while closing off avenues for those simply seeking a back door into the country.

#### **Immigration backlogs returning?**

• Despite controversial measures introduced two years ago to speed up Canada's immigration process, a backlog of skilled immigrant applications appears to be re-emerging, critics say. According to an analysis of Citizenship and Im-

our government will propose comprehensive reforms to the refugee system," the Conservatives promised in the Speech from the Throne earlier this month. The legislation

migration Canada's latest data, the average processing time from all visa posts is seven-and-a-half years, with 600,000 people in the queue for 80,055 skilled immigrant visas granted in 2010.

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would divide refugees into two categories — those from safe countries of origin, and those from more dangerous locations, who would be fast-tracked.

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### Feds not sending aid to poorest nations, NGO claims

TRADE A non-governmental aid group is concerned the federal government has shifted its international development policy to favour potential trading partners instead of those most that are the poorest.

James Haga, national advocacy director for Engineers Without Borders, said the new policy doesn't line up with the law and that the Canada International Development Agency seems to be ignoring its legislated mandate

tional Development Agency seems to be ignoring its legislated mandate to use development dollars first and foremost to reduce poverty.

The Official Develop-

ment Assistance Accountability Act states that all Canadian development assistance abroad must be provided with a central focus on poverty reduction.

"The shift doesn't add up with the legislation," Haga said in an interview.

However, the law does not stipulate where the assistance must be used to reduce poverty.

According to Harish Raisinghani, president of the engineer group's Vancouver chapter, the change in focus has more to do with trade and economics than development aid.

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#### **News** in brief

COURTS Admitted polygamist Winston Blackmore says he needs hundreds of thousands of dollars in government money to participate in a court review of Canada's polygamy law, in a case his lawyer says will put Blackmore — and his community of Bountiful, B.C. — on trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Russian President Dmitry Medvedev thought the country had too much time on its hands, so yesterday he eliminated two of its 11 time zones. The changes mean that Chukotka – Russia's eastern extreme, just across the Bering Strait from Alaska – is now nine hours ahead of Russia's westernmost area. Formerly, there was 10 hours' difference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



#### NYC to search rubble again

New York City officials are planning to search through material excavated from around the World Trade Center site for any remains of Sept. 11 victims. The three-month endeavour is scheduled to start Friday at the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island. The material being searched was taken from the area around ground zero in the last two years.

# North Korea not likely involved in sinking

Weeping, angry relatives of 46 crew members missing after a mysterious explosion sank a South Korean navy ship sailed around the site yesterday while others criticized the government for lack of results as rescue teams strugled to search for survivors.

No one has been found since an initial rescue of 58 sailors from the 1,200-ton Cheonan that sank early Saturday near the tense border with North Korea. No bodies have been discovered either. Still, President Lee Myung-bak refused to give up hope.

The ship had been on a routine patrol with other vessels in the Yellow Sea off

South Korea's western coast. The exact cause of the explosion — one of South Korea's worst naval disasters — remained unclear and officials said it could take weeks to determine. Fierce waves and high winds have hampered the search in an area where the two Koreas have fought three bloody naval engagements since 1999. Despite the location of the sinking, North Korea did not appear to be involved.

"We have detected 'no special movements' by North Korean forces; however, we, as a command, continue to monitor the situation and remain prepared for any contingency," Gen. Walter Sharp, chief of the 28,500 U.S. troops in South

Korea, said in a statement yesterday. At a naval base where other family members awaited news, wails of worry and anguish turned into shouts and screams from relatives demanding answers and results as Defence Minister Kim Taeyoung visited to console them.



#### London Calls for Pope to resign



Protesters demonstrate outside Westminster Cathedral in London yesterday, calling for Pope Benedict XVI's resignation and accusing him of covering up child sex abuse by Catholic clergy in the past.

#### **News** in brief

AFGHANISTAN Under elaborate secrecy, U.S. President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan yesterday near the front lines of the bloody eightyear-old war he is expanding and affirmed America's commitment to destroying al-Qaida and its allies.

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### Swiss casino hit by brazen heist

Medvedev eliminates two Russian time zones

SWITZERLAND An armed gang of masked men raided a casino packed with about 600 guests yesterday and made off with hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Swiss prosecutors

In a statement, prosecutors in Basel described a scene like an action-film heist: About 10 men dressed in black arrived in two cars at the Grand Casino near Basel shortly after 4 a.m.

One smashed the front door with a sledgehammer, and the others ran inside with machine-guns and pistols, the statement said.

Speaking French, a group of men ordered the guests and employees to the floor, while their accomplices emptied registers in the basement and an upper floor, it said.

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#### Miners trapped in pit in China

At least 123 people were trapped underground Sunday after water qushed into a coal mine in northern China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### world

### How much pot is enough?

Police in a northern California town thought they had a strong case when they seized more than 900 grams of marijuana from a home, even though the residents had authorization to use pot for medical purposes.

San Francisco police also believed they had an openand-shut case with a father and son team they suspected of abusing the state's medical marijuana law by allegedly operating an illegal trafficking operation.

But both cases were tossed out along with many other marijuana possession cases in recent weeks because of a California Supreme Court ruling that has police, prosecutors and defence attorneys scrambling to make sense

of a grey legal area: What is the maximum amount of cannabis a medical marijuana patient can possess?

No one can say many dismissals and acquittals have been prompted by the ruling, but the numbers are stacking up since the state Supreme Court on Jan. 21 tossed out Patrick Kelly's marijuana possession conviction.

The high court struck down a 7-year-old state law that imposed an 227-gram limit on the amount of pot medical users of marijuana could possess. The court said patients are entitled to a "reasonable" amount of the drug to treat their ailments.

Law enforcement officials say the ruling has made the murky legal landscape of marijuana policy in California even more challenging to en-

force.
Since California
voters legalized
medical marijuana
in 1996, there has
been tension
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That tension is expected to become even more pronounced if state voters approve a November ballot measure legalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana.

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#### Explosions could be signs of things to come

BLAST Several bombs exploded yesterday near a house linked to Sheik Murdhi Muhammad al-Mahalawi, a Sunni who ran in this month's parliamentary elections in Iraq, killing five people and wounding 26 others, a police official said.

The attack adds to fears

of postelection violence as the bitter election rivals enter what are expected to be drawn out talks on forming the next government that will rule Iraq as U.S. troops leave.

Sunday's blasts took place in the town of Qaim, about 320 kilometres west of Baghdad, the police official said.

The first bomb, planted at a house that the official said belongs to al-Mahalawi, went off at 7 a.m.. As onlookers gathered, four more bombs hidden in trash littered around the site detonated, causing the casualties.







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# Comment & Views

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# ETS still has work to do for NA



t may just be the beginning of spring, but I suspect it's already feeling like summer for some Edmonton Transit officials.

Last week, nearly 80 per cent of Grant MacEwan students voted in favour of

staying onboard ETS' Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) program for at least another three years. The cherry on the cake came a few days later, though, when the NAIT Student Association (NAITSA) announced as a result of a referendum — it would also be jumping on the U-Pass bandwagon for the first

Hold the floats and fireworks, though, because I'm going to rain on ETS' parade for just a second and point out that the announcement from NAITSA

almost didn't happen.

For the referendum at NAIT to pass, a 66.7 per "Yes" majority was needed. It was a squeaker in every sense of the term: A little more than 2,000 NAIT students cast ballots on the issue, with 68 per cent voting in favour of the U-Pass program.

A victory is a victory, yes; however, having passed by just a 1.3 per cent margin, the vote at NAIT speaks very strongly to the fact that ETS still has some work to do.

During an interview

with outgoing NAIT Student Association president Geoffrey Tate earlier this month, Tate noted that transit service to all of NAIT campuses isn't exactly phenomenal. A ratification of the referendum, he went on to say, should therefore be viewed more as "a gesture of good faith towards ETS" than anything else.

It's easy to see what Tate means: At present, NAIT is without a real transit station. Furthermore, outside of peak hours, ETS service to NAIT's various campus-

es is nothing short of abysmal. For such a large and important institution one with thousands of staff and tens of thousands of students coming and going at all hours of the day — these are things that need to change and soon.

Having NAIT join the U-Pass program this year is, without doubt, great news. The program dramatically reduces the cost of taking transit for those NAIT students who already do, and encourages those who don't take transit to try it

out. Lack of parking space is a major issue at NAIT, and, while it will not solve this problem, the U-Pass will certainly help.

If ETS officials want to see the U-Pass continue at beyond though, they have a lot of work ahead of them. Increasing off-peak service and finally giving NAIT its own transit station would be just a few steps in the right direction.

Bryan Saunders is a local transit advocate and a strong supporter of initiatives to decrease dependence on private vehicles.

**Views** 

### Soul searching and dreaming of Snickers



Spring is here. Flowers

bloom. Robins sing. Buds ... well, bud. It's the time of year when all of nature rejoices. And I, of course, am miserable.

Forty days, six hours and 20 minutes ago, I gave up chocolate for Lent. Lent is a Christian observance based on the Bible account of Jesus being driven into the

desert for several weeks. For me, the story has always been vaguely reminiscent of the summer I spent at overnight camp. It's traditional, from mid-February to Easter, for Christians to enter into some kind of self-inflicted suffering. So, since I no longer date, I remember Jesus' soul-testing struggle by going six weeks without a Snickers bar.

Generally, I like the concept of self-denial. As long as it doesn't mean I have to give anything up. But most religions seem to insist that a little suffering of the body is good for the soul. For instance, in ancient times a group called Essenes proclaimed that the pathway to true joy was to exist with no sex, no decent food and nothing whatsoever that might make life the least bit comfortable. Incredibly, this movement did not catch on.

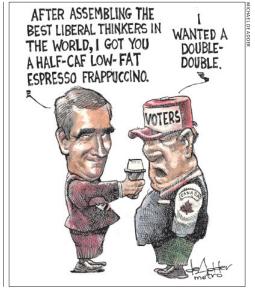
An advantage of giving up chocolate for Lent is that not only do I suffer. everyone around me suffers, too. One year I told my partner Liz I was going to observe Lent by giving up coffee. She said she'd observe it by giving up living with me.

So, is this little suffering bringing me spiritual re-newal and awareness? awareness? Truthfully, the only thing I've become aware of so far is that I'm in serious danger of rolling the next person who stands near me while holding a Kit Kat.

Outside these days, my tiny backyard garden is awash in purple and yellow crocuses. Tree branches shimmer with gauzy green buds. The evening skies are opals and fire. Mother Nature is lavishing us with the indulgent pleasures of spring. Denying us nothing.

While I, being only human, wait for Easter. And dream of Snickers bars.

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Chouinard challenges students to look for eco-friendly solutions

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Following Canada's tremendous, inspiring success at the recent winter Olympic games in Vancouver, one of the most popular Canadian Olympians of the past 20 years is looking to a greener future.

Josee Chouinard three-time Canadian champion figure skater, and Olympic athlete in 1992 and '94 — is spearheading a contest to find Canada's

greenest school.

"My children started school this year — I've got five-year-old twins," Chouinard told Metro recently.

"As a mom, it's very, very hard to send not only my first child to school, but my last child as well! I felt really, really guilty that they had to take the bus.'

But school buses, it turns out, are a much greener option than taking kids to school in private cars. IC Bus, the largest integrated manufacturer of school buses in North America, launched the Canada's Greenest School contest last month.

One of their new hybrid buses — a \$200,000 value — is the top prize.
"I think it is a great

thing to encourage the young generation," the 42year-old Montreal-born Chouinard says. "By having students doing submissions and entering the contest, and showing how their schools are committed to going green, it teaches each student the



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value of green living. They can also show their dedication to green transportation and how it can embody the spirit of a greener planet."

Students are encouraged to make eco-friendly suggestions for making their schools greener.

The winner gets \$3,000 toward their future educa-

The winner's classroom gets free school supplies for a year and — of course – there's a brand new green bus for the winning school.

"This week, for example, is a school week of lunch with no garbage," says Chouinard. "It's good to get the message to the kids, and change your lifestyle through your kids.

This is a perfect fit for me, and because Vancouver had the goal to be the greenest Olympics ever, everything ties in."

It's now 16 years since Josee Chouinard graced Olympic ice. She is both surprised and delighted at how many people remember her Olympic career.

"Let's face it, it has been a while," she smiles. "But being involved in charity and good causes keeps me close to the people. There's so many ideas we can get from the creativity of the students in this con-As adults, we can learn from them, and encourage them to be even more creative.



Rice fields emit 100 million tonnes of methane per year.

### harmful forest foods

ROMINA MCGUINNESS Metro World News

Has it ever crossed your mind that those cookie crumbs in your lap could be related to the wiping out of the world's

rainforests? Here are the top five foods that are actually causing trees to get the chop:

1 Beef

The clearing of rainforests to create grassland for cattle to graze on is of huge concern. This will then lead to the degradation of soil and the pollution of rivers nearby was that juicy beef burger really worth it?

Palm oil

Rainforest land, most notably across Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand) is being cleared for palm oil plantations — as this productive oil seed is has become the number one food crop worldwide. Palm oil is

a common substitute for

partially hydrogenated oils

and can be found in any-

thing ranging from cookies to cereal or bread.

Rice

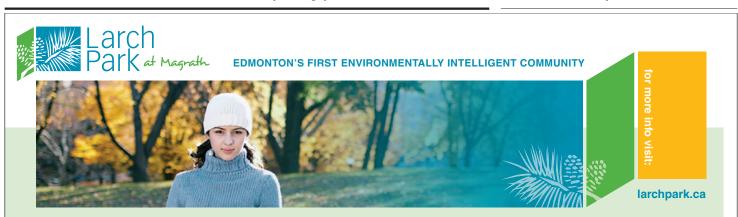
The forests of Asia are being destroyed in order to make room for rice fields, paddies. Not only is this contributing to the loss of precious land and loss of habitat for many local species, rice fields emit the amounts largest methane gas, between 50 and 100 million tonnes a year.

4 Corn

Following the U.S. subsidies tagged to corn for the production of ethanol, production has soared, especially in the Amazon rain-

forest.

More and more people are choosing to consume less meat, a decision that has led to an increase in demand for soy, the main ingredient used in making tofu (a staple of the vegetarian diet). Soy covers some 11 million hectares of forest across South America.



### Deploying a net on overfishing

WWF addresses the current threat to Atlantic bluefin tuna

ROMINA MCGUINNESS Metro World News

Conservationists across the world are furious that a bid to set up a trade ban on Atlantic bluefin tuna failed in favour of industry self-regulation.

Critics say bluefin tuna is at risk of becoming commercially extinct and needs legally-binding protection. Coleman O'Criodain, WWF Policy Analyst on Wild Life Trade Issues, speaks to Metro about the controversial nature and implications of the failed trading ban.



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The mid-1990s saw an explosion of bluefin tuna fishing ... because of an increase in demand from Japan. A trade ban would have allowed time for stocks to recover.

Coleman O'Criodain **WWF** 

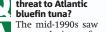
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mand from Japan. A trade ban would have allowed time for stocks to recover.

But in the last 12 months, many countries have cut their quotas?

They have and unfortunately, this could all change now because the ban is no longer a threat.

Why do you think Japan voted against a trading ban?

Japan's vote against the implementation of the trade ban was one of the most influential. One moment they are worried about the future of bluefin tuna the next they vote against the trade ban.

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Is Japan is afraid of the further implications of the ban?

Absolutely. Japan vehemently opposed the ban because of the fear that it would set an irrevocable precedent for commercial fishing. If its Atlantic bluefin tuna that's being banned today, it could be another species tomor-

Are the Japanese the only problem? No, the problem



Fishermen pull up a large Northern bluefin tuna.

doesn't only come from Japan, despite most perceiving it as the bluefin villain. Although their consumption of bluefin tuna for sushi and sashimi make the rest of the world assume Japan is to blame, the EU and to a lesser extent, the U.S.A. and Canada are just as guilty.

One of the most harmful forces in this fishing game is the EU and its farming policies.

They have been negotiating for years to get the right to fish as much stock as possible, even though everyone knows present stock isn't being allowed a period of recovery.

What are the consequences of the failed trade ban in Japan and also around the world?

The truth is, everyone has something to lose if bluefin tuna does become extinct and the worse-case scenario is that stock will collapse.

Our only hope is that having come to a brink, Japan may keep up the pressure to have sustainable catch levels implemented across board.

We must all be prepared to put long term sustain-ability before short term gain.

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#### CanWest wins approval to dish out big bonuses

CanWest Global Communications Corp., the insolvent Canadian media company, won approval to pay as much as \$2.7 million more in bonuses to employees deemed critical to its restructuring. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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#### Johannesburg We can share



Children from an orphanage tuck into part of a giant Easter egg at a Johannesburg shopping centre, over the weekend. The chocolate was part of a giant Easter bunny almost four metres tall and made from more than three tonnes of chocolate. The Bunny was axed down and distributed to orphanages.

### Alberta takes geothermal baby step

**ENERGY** For a province that doesn't hesitate to throw billions of dollars behind oil, gas and coal research, \$2.6 million may seem small — but it's a start.

Earlier this month the Alberta Energy Research Institute (AERI), which recently became part of the new provincial research agency Alberta Innovates, approved a \$2.6 million grant for a project that aims to produce geothermal power from hot water within mature oil wells.

The project is being led by environmental-technology supplier Free Energy International of Vancouver and Calgary-based engineering outfit Borealis GeoPower, which was

#### Study

• Scientists at the Geological Survey of Canada, which is part of Natural Resources Canada, have just completed the first study of "enhanced" geothermal resources across the country. It's expected to be published later this year.

founded in 2007 by former Shell Canada engineer Daniel Yang. Their aim is to build a power plant at an unnamed but fairly mature oil-and-gas production site in Swan Hills, Alberta.

Oil wells have been active in the region for two decades, and the oil that comes out of them is

known to be mixed with high levels of water. But here's the thing: That water is 75 degrees C or higher when it comes to the surface, and once separated from the oil it's usually pumped back down into the well.

Free Energy and Borealis plan to extract the heat from that water and use it to generate electricity, which can be used on site to reduce the need for Alberta's coal-dominant grid power or diesel generators or natural gas-fired equipment.

The companies figure that on this project they'll be able to tap "multiple megawatts."

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# Stage set for ugly real estate battle

A court challenge by the Canadian Competition Bureau accusing the Canadian Real Estate Association of being anti-competitive is "fundamentally misconceived," and should be dismissed, say lawyers for the organization.

"There is vibrant and vigorous competition amongst real estate agents and brokers for the supply of residential real estate brokerage services," CREA lawyer Katherine Kay stated in a 17 page response to allegations by the bureau filed on Friday. "Canadian consumers have not been denied the benefits of competition."

The case is to be heard before the federal Competition Tribunal, which has the power to administer severe administrative or monetary penalties. Talks have broken down between "Canadian consumers have not been denied the benefits of competition."

Katherine Kay, CREA lawyer

the two sides, as the stage seems set for an ugly battle between organized real estate and the Competition Bureau, which wants lower prices for consumers.

In her response to the tribunal, Kay contends Multiple Listing Service, or MLS, rules do not "have a negative exclusionary effect on realtors seeking to provide discounted real estate brokerage services or limited service offerings."

The MLS, a database of homes available for sale, is the property of CREA, which has 98,000 members across Canada. Competition Bureau Commissioner Melanie Aitken wants the

system opened up to more competition.

One problem, Aitken says, is that consumers are currently forced to buy a bundle of services when they list their properties, instead of paying for only what they need.

But CREA says in its statement that competition already exists in the market and consumers have choice.

"It is simply untrue that consumers have only one option if they want to sell their house using an MLS system operated by a local real estate board or association." said Kay.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

#### Toyota shutdowns hit European plants

**AUTO** Toyota is stopping production at its factories in France and Britain for a total of nine days amid

falling sales that the company partly attributed to its recent recall woes, the Japanese automaker announced briday

nounced Friday
The world's No. 1 automaker will suspend output at it plant in France for four days starting April 6, said spokeswoman Ririko

Takeuchi. Toyota will also stop production at its two factories in Britain for five working days some-

working days sometime in May.

"In France,
we're reviewing production because of the impact of recall problems,"
Takeuchi said. The clos-

ings in Britain were part of previous plans, she said, but also due to sluggish car sales in Europe.

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#### In **brief**

**DATA** Investors will receive guidance this week from some top-drawer economic data, including key reports on Canada's economic growth and the U.S. job situation. The main event for Canada on a holidayshortened week will be on Wednesday when Statistics Canada releases its snapshot of economic growth in January. **PROTECTION** A Saskatchewan builder sued by the NFL's Dallas Cowboys after the team's training facility collapsed, leaving one staffer a paraplegic, has been given creditor protection.

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Megan Van Beusekom-Sweerin earned the shutout as the Minnesota Whitecaps defeated the Brampton Thunder 4-0 yesterday in the final of the Clarkson Cup women's hockey tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

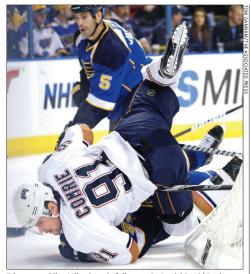
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#### **Bronze for Jones**

Canada's Jennifer Jones, left, salvaged a bronze medal yesterday at the Ford women's world curling championship with a 9-6 win over Sweden's Cecilia Ostlund. Her Winnipeg team recovered from a 10-4 thrashing by Scotland's Eve Muirhead in the semifinal Saturday night. Germany won the gold with an 8-6 extra-end victory over Scotland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Edmonton Oiler Mike Comrie falls over St. Louis' David Backes

### Tkachuk busts scoring slump

NHL RESULTS

Oilers 1 Blues 2



#### Keith Tkachuk waited a long time for this goal.

Tkachuk scored the winner on his 38th birthday, and the St. Louis Blues maintained slim playoff hopes with a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers last night.

Tkachuk's 13th of the season was his first in 15 games. It snapped a 1-1 tie 7:36 into the third period. Tkachuk has 54 points in 63 career games against Edmonton.

"It's a big win at home. We're still alive, and you get on the board, finally," Tkachuk said. "It seems like a long time, so it's nice to contribute.'

The 10th-place Blues began the day 10 points behind Colorado and the postseason cutoff in the Western Conference. St. Louis has seven games remaining.

Tkachuk gave the Blues reason to believe with his clutch goal. Parked in front of the crease with his back to the net along with Brad Winchester, Tkachuk redirected a shot by Alex Steen that was tipped by Winchester.

"It was a great shot and a

great high screen by Winchester and a great shot by Steen," Tkachuk said. "It was a critical part of the game. You've got to teach these young guys how to go to the tough areas to score goals."

Edmonton goalie Devan Dubnyk never saw the puck after it left Winchester's stick.

"I couldn't see anything," he said. "There were two of their guys in front and I had a view of the guy with the puck at the point. They both just kind of moved in the way, and I just tried to go down to where I thought the puck was going to go and I still don't know where it went."

St. Louis had three powerplay chances in the second period and outshot the Oilers 16-6.

"That has been our problem — handling the front of the net and the corners and helping our goaltending out," Oilers coach Pat Quinn said. "We haven't done as good a job as we need to do there, and tonight is the night it cost us an opportunity to win."

Edmonton netted its only goal when Patrick O'Sullivan picked off a pass by Blues defenceman Barret Jackman. O'Sullivan beat goalie Chris Mason between the pads at 10:22 of the first. Mason finished with 23 saves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### **Sports** in brief

HOCKEY Pittsburgh is making a strong push to play host to the NHL's next Winter Classic on Jan. 1, matching the league's two signature stars in the Penguins' Sidney Crosby and the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin at Heinz Field. A person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press yesterday that Pittsburgh is in a strong position to be chosen as the host.

**SOCCER** Fernando Torres scored

twice yesterday as Liverpool's struggle to qualify for the Champions League was helped by a 3-0 victory over Sunderland. The victory moved Liverpool up to fifth in the Premier League.

YANKEES A British study says New York Yankees baseball players are the best paid in global team sport ahead of Real Madrid's footballers. The report, compiled by www.sportingintelligence.com, only gave figures in British pounds, with Yankees players listed as having an average salary in 2009 of 4.7 million pounds (currently about \$6.95 million US). The figure for Madrid was 4.2 million pounds.

F1 McLaren's Jenson Button survived a first-corner collision and successfully gambled on a bold tire strategy to win a thrilling Formula One Australian Grand Prix yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### Golden Bears lose in OT

CIS HOCKEY Brad Smith scored in overtime to lead the No. 3 Saint Mary's Huskies to a 3-2 win over the top-seeded Alberta Golden Bears in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey final yesterday.

Rookie goaltender Neil Conway made 38 saves in the win, giving his team a chance to drink from the Cavendish University Cup for the first time in team history.

Cam Fergus and Scott Brophy also scored for the Huskies, while Tyler Metcalfe and Derek Rvan replied for Alberta.

The Huskies returned to the CIS final after making a run of four straight appearances ending in 1972. Saint Mary's lost all four to the University of Toronto.

Both teams seemed content sizing up their opponent in the early going with neither team registering a shot until after the three-minute mark.

The Bears opened the scoring at 14:21 of the first. Defenceman Derek Price pushed the puck out from behind the net to Metcalfe. who swatted at the puck a couple of times before banging it home past Con-THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Final Four boasts some surprises

NCAA BASKETBALL One of the most unpredictable NCAA tournaments in recent history served up a bit of the familiar for the Final Four — and a good dose of something completely different.

Coached by Bob (Huggy Bear) Huggins, West Virginia will make its first appearance since 1959, back when Jerry West played guard. Its opponent Saturday will be Duke, the only No. 1 seed to make it to Indianapolis.

The other game features a pair of No. 5 seeds — the first time that's happened.

There's tiny Butler, which plays in the gym where they filmed the basketball classic Hoosiers and is making its first Final Four appearance. And there's Michigan State - making its sixth appearance in the past 12 years, but probably its most unexpected.

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# Diamonds in the rough



f you make a mistake at work, your boss will probably be very an-noyed with you. If Jeannine Pilon makes an error, it's instantly worth thousands of dollars.

Pilon, now 38, was born

in Sudbury, Ont., and started her professional life doing hospice work - caring for people who were dying.

Then she moved up to Yellowknife with her thenhusband, had a baby and decided she wanted to do something a more positive and creative.

She heard about a diamond-cutting course when she attended a trade show.

Pilon had always been artistic: She drew, sewed and had painted a huge mural on her son's bedroom wall

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Cutting diamonds can actually be dirty work, says Jeannine Pilon.

Pilon did well right away. Staff from Arslanian Cutting Works came in weekly to look over the students' work, and liked Pilon's so much she was hired before completing the four-month

Once on the job, Pilon began a three-year apprentice-ship under a master cutter, then wrote an exam to be fully certified.

She only works on dia-monds that have already been through several stages and tradespeople, including a marker who marks where a stone will be cleaved into two (as most rough diamonds yield two stones), a sawer who cuts it and a bruter who creates the round shape of the

"My job is to make it as pure and clear as possible," says Pilon. Using her wheel which looks like a turntable - and holding the diamond in a tool called a tang that can be adjusted to get the angles perfect, she "blocks" the stone by creating eight facets on the top and eight on the bottom of the diamond

#### The **Lowdown**

Job title: Diamond cutter Salary: \$100,000 plus Education/training: Threeyear apprenticeship and pass-Best Part of the Job: "Taking

something that's possibly 3.2 billion years old and possibly creating a masterpiece for someone to pass down for generations?

Worst Part of the Job: "Having to give them away."

Pilon then moves on to brillianteering, which involves cutting 57 tiny, perfect facets.

The work is tedious and dirty: Pilon is covered with carbon at the end of the day and showers as soon as she gets home. It's also stress-

Overcutting lowers the value of the diamond, and making too many mistakes can mean you'll soon be working on less valuable

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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# Recent study says hiring on the rise

With all eyes focused on job creation, a new survey that tracks professional employment offers a bit of good news for the upcoming quarter.

Ten per cent of executives interviewed for The Robert Half Professional Employment Report said they plan to increase the number of full-time employees in professional occupations in the second quarter, and six per cent anticipate declines. Eighty-two per cent of executives interviewed expressed confidence in their companies' prospects for growth in the next quarter.

#### **Key Findings**

• A net four per cent of executives plan to increase hiring in professional occupations, such as accounting, finance and information technology (IT), in the



Get ready for some hiring. A recent survey says more executives plan to hire than fire this year.

second quarter of 2010.

- Executives in the finance, insurance and real estate sector plan to do the most hiring of professional staff, with a net nine per cent projecting hiring increases.
- The legal field is expected to see the strongest hiring activity, with a net 26 per cent of respondents expecting to increase staff levels
- Nearly four in 10 executives (37 per cent) said it is

challenging to find skilled professionals today.

Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International, noted that the second-quarter projections may indicate companies are cautiously rebuilding. "Many firms, especially those that found they cut staff too aggressively during the worst of the recession, may need to add personnel at the first sign of a pickup in business," he said.

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The eighth and current season of 24 will be the show's last. Fox is ending the popular drama's run this May. "While the end of the series is bittersweet, we always wanted 24 to finish on a high note," star Kiefer Sutherland said in a statement. POPEATER.COM

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# **Entertainment**

# The kids are all right

#### triumphant at the Kids' Choice Awards.

Twilight star Taylor Lautner picked up two orange, blimp-shaped trophies at Saturday's 23rd annual shenanigan-packed Nickelodeon spectacle inside UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. snared Lautner favourite actor honour for his New Moon role as hunky werewolf Jacob Black as well as the inaugural cutest couple award with his Twilight co-star Kristin Stewart.

"I have to admit I have always dreamt of winning one of these orange blimps," said Lautner.

The fan-favourite ceremony's host, Paul Blart: Mall Cop actor-comedian Kevin James, kicked off the

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Katy Perry is slimed Saturday at Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards.

skintight flowery dress, was blasted with slime when presenting the favourite movie actress trophy to Miley Cyrus. The gooey I Kissed a Girl singer chased the Hannah Montana actress around the stage, but co-presenter Jon-ah Hill grabbed Perry before she could embrace the 17-year-old singer-actress

"I can't see anything, complained Perry. "Why does it taste like boogers?"

ed Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Squeakquel for movie, Up for animated movie, Jim Carrey for voice from an animated movie for A Christmas Carol, Mario Kart for video game, iCarly for TV show, American Idol for reality show, SpongeBob SquarePants for cartoon, Dylan Sprouse for TV actor and Selena Gomez for TV actress. "I'm the luckiest girl in the whole world," said Gomez.

In the music categories, the winners were Black "I can't see anything. Why does it taste like boogers?"

Katy Perry

Eyed Peas for music group, Jay-Z for male singer and Taylor Swift for female singer and song for You Belong With Me. Favourites in the sports categories were two-time Olympic gold medallist volleyball player Misty May Treanor for female athlete and 20year-old skateboarder Ryan Sheckler for male athlete.

"This goes right in the trophy case," Sheckler said holding up his blimp.

First lady Michelle Obama won the ceremony's Big Help award for her Let's Move campaign to cut down on childhood obesity. The honour is part of Nick's own Millions on the Move campaign. Over the next few months, the network will feature public service announcements to encourage kids to stay active and promote activities that help the environment.





Damon honoured for film, charity work

Matt Damon was honoured at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on the weekend for his film and philanthropic work. A taped version of the event, Hollywood Salutes Matt Damon: An American Cinematheque Tribute, will air in April on ABC. EW.COM

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# **Twilight** Doc doing double duty

Formerly shy Facinelli now a star on big and little screens

know, al-ways trying

to appear human and

And in this movie, we have this

looming

presence

the

movie

resume. Facinelli, 36, is

writing

movies. penned the TV-film Mulligan,

throughout

hard to stay in

control all the

time," he said. With steady

projects on his

capitalizing on

his success by

which will star

is wife, former

Beverly Hills

90210 actress

Jennie Garth.

writing it and then she read

this I want to

play this.' And

I said, 'We'll

see. Maybe

you'll come

in and audi-

tion for it,"

Facinelli said

wrote and will

star in the ro-

also

et in New York who has

commitment issues and

learns from a one-night

stand that he's a father-to-

be. And he'll star in the

biopic Paz, based on the

life of boxer Vinny Pazien-

Facinelli has become a

popular face in Hollywood,

and he has more than 1.5

million followers on Twit-

"Some people get mad because they say, 'You used

to respond more,' but I

found that my responsibili-

ty has shifted. I used to re-

spond more when I had

few followers. Now I can't

respond to every single

thing but I still read them

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ter to prove it.

all," he said.

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be in control.

Early on in their careers, many actors question whether their dreams to be in show business are realistic goals. For Twilight actor Peter Facinelli, that internal struggle came when he was about eight.

"I was just really shy, and there was one part of my brain saying, 'You should go be an actor' and the other part of my brain going, 'You're really nuts because I can't even stand in the lunch line in school because I'm afraid of people'," he recalls.

But his artistic side overtook his practical one. He ended up studying theatre at New York University and now not only stars in the white-hot Twilight the white-hot Twilight movie series, but has also won acclaim for his supporting role as Dr. Fitch Cooper on the Showtime cable network's Nurse

The dark comedy, which had its second season premiere in the U.S. last week, was the most-watched new series in Showtime's history when it debuted last year.

"I'm a fan of the show. I love watching these characters and how they all interact ... and to see how they react off of each other, and how they get along and don't get along," and don't get Facinelli said.

Edie Falco stars as nurse Jackie Peyton, a drug addict who is both unethical on the job and in her marriage. Facinelli's character, a young, Ivy League-educated know-it-all, is somewhat smitten with his coworker.

'He's kind of like the kid in third grade who has a crush on somebody, but it's not being reciprocated, so he's constantly pulling on her pigtails trying to get a reaction out of her,' he said.

Facinelli, who plays the patriarch vampire clan leader Dr. Carlisle Cullen in the Twilight series, returns with the third instalment, Eclipse, out June 30. Facinelli says Eclipse will be more action-based and will feature the Cullens in a different light.

"Usually, they're very buttoned-up and you



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### Jackson had cream for skin-whitening

**SEARCH** Detectives found large quantities of gener-

al anesthetic and dozens of tubes of skin-whitening creams in Michael Jackson's home after the singer's death, search warunsealed rants Friday show.

Investigators went to Jackson's rented mansion June 29 following a lengthy interview with his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, told them he had placed a medical bag in a cupboard in a closet.

At the home, detectives found 11 containers of the powerful anesthetic propofol, some of them empty, as well as a range of seda-tives and various medical items including a box of blood pressure cuffs, according to the warrants, which were redacted and unsealed after The Associated Press filed a legal motion.

Jackson's June 25 death at age 50 was ruled a homicide caused by an overdose of propo-fol and other sedatives. Murray has pleaded not guilty to in-

their search, detectives found 19 tubes of hydroquinone and 18 tubes of Benoquin, both of which are commonly used in the treatment of a skin condition Jackson had called vitiligo. The disease creates patches of de-pigmented skin, and creams can be used to lighten skin that has retained its colour to give a more even appear-

"Some people with vitiligo get to the point where there is so much of them that is pale, it makes more sense to remove the bits that are brown," said Dr. David Sawcer, assistant professor of clinical dermatology at the University of Southern California.

Benoquin is derived rom hydroquinone. from Though the creams can be used at the same time, it is unusual to do so, Sawcer said. The medications typically come in travel-toothpaste-sized tubes and each treatment usually lasts a few months. Side effects include acute sensitivity to the sun.

"In the places they have no pigment, they are exactly like an albino," Sawcer said.

The skin cream was not listed as a factor in Jackson's death nor was it detected in a toxicology report. What killed Jackson, according to the autopsy report, was an overdose of propofol, an anesthetic normally used for surgery.

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### Handler ramps up the hilarity in new book

#### Book **Review**

**HUMOUR** Chelsea Handler spins a series of gut-busting tales in her latest. completely outrageous, laugh-out-loud Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang offers a bevy of es-Bang says as unflattering as they are hilarious.

Fans of Handler, a standup comedienne and host of E! television's Chelsea Lately, are treated to a plunge down the rabbit hole with the follow-up to her best-seller. Are You There, Vodka? It's Me,

Chelsea. Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang adds new di-mension to the definition of dysfunction and it's hard to tel whether her outtell landish stories are designed more to amuse herself or her Handler can bend

the truth with greater ease than a pro weight-lifter. She convinced Heather McDonald. Chelsea Lately staff

writer, that McDonald had been hired to write a comedic screenplay recalling the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle. And she conned boyfriend into going to a dog's funeral

under guise that she'd killed the canine with seafood. She hits her stride

when discussing family. Her portrayals of her home life are chaotic and likely exaggerated but so much fun to read. While her relationship with her siblings is tumultuous, it's also loving and fun, garnished with a little absurd-

The book's strength lies in the passages about family. The Handler siblings share a corn ball sense of humour (and they refer to their father as "Platypus"). It's a different twist on what makes a happy household, but it's an effective one.



A frail-looking Dennis Hopper was honoured Friday with the 2,403rd star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The ailing 73-year-old actor appeared thin from his battle with prostate cancer when receiving the award. TVGUIDE.COM

# The '80s according to John Cusack

#### Actor reveals the good, the bad and the ugly of decade

The '80s were good to John Cusack. He was a teenager then, racking up acting credits in films such as Sixteen Candles, The Sure Thing, Better Off Dead and Say

Anything.
Now 43, Cusack returns to that storied decade on screen and off as the star and producer of Hot Tub Time Machine, a comic romp that brings four friends back to their youthful glory days via a mysterious Jacuzzi powered by Russian Red Bull and repaired by a cryptic Chevy

In the film, in theatres now, Cusack and Chase, along with Rob Corddry, Robinson, Duke and Crispin Glover, find themselves at a ski resort for Winterfest '86, where Poison is the headlining band and Day-Glo is the fashion of choice.

Cusack talked with The Associated Press about what he loved and hated about the '80s and what he would do with a real time machine.



#### What made you want to go back to the 1980s?

I remember it being - obviously it was the formative years of my life because I was between 10 and 20 but I don't remember it being all that cheery a time, so I thought that having some actors who had been in movies back then, going back in time and actually being a movie within a movie, I thought that all that was part of the comic nightmare of it.



#### What were the most awesome things about the '80s?

There was great music, great art, great literature, great films. Those are usually some of the things



John Cusack stars in the '80s-themed comedy Hot Tub Time Machine.

that I like.



Were you more Motley Crue or The Cure? I was more of the Clash. Fishbone,

You did not mention fashion as one of the awesome things



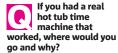
I think that would have to fall under

things of the '80s. The legwarmers, the scrunchies, the mullets, the primary colours. The list goes on and on. And I have a wide

variety of fashion horror

shows myself that's avail-

able on cable, seemingly all the time.



It would be pretty fun if you could go back to when your favourite bands were first playing. Like if you were a drummer, you could go back to Liverpool right when the Beatles fired Pete Best and they're looking for a drummer and replace Ringo Starr. There could be a couple historic opportunities there. Or you could go see the Rolling Stones' first American tour or some-thing, or see David Bowie or see the Sex Pistols when they first came to America at CBGBs. You could do an awesome rock 'n' roll tour and see bands' first explosions. You could also travel back in time and not meet people that you ended up meeting and going out with. You could avoid a few bad relationships by just actually not bumping into them, so that would be good. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Wyrd Sisters, Warner settle Potter suit

**LEGAL** Five years after it started, a legal battle that threatened to derail one of the Harry Potter movies and stirred up a cauldron of anger among fans has ended quietly shrouded in the kind of mystery befitting a wizard.

A \$40-million lawsuit launched by The Wyrd Sisters, a little-known Winnipeg folk group, has been settled out of court, representatives for both sides confirmed to The Canadian Press. However, the settlement is subject to a confidentiality clause that prevents either side from re-vealing what, if any, money has changed hands.

The Wyrd Sisters tried to block the 2005 release of Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire when they found out that the movie, like the book on which it is based, was to feature a rock group

called either The Weird Sis-

ters or The Wyrd Sisters. Kim Baryluk, the group's founder and only consistent member, sued for \$40 million, and asked an Ontario court to block the release of the movie across Canada. She also asked the judge to force Warner Bros. to destroy any DVD, compact disc, video game and other paraphernalia that contained references to the

music group. Warner Bros. fought back, saying it had removed any reference to the band's name from the movie, and had offered Baryluk \$5,000 for use of the name.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Colin Campbell rejected Baryluk's request to block the movie, and ordered her to pay Warner Bros. \$140,000 for the company's legal costs. The deci-



Kim Barvluk, founding member of The Wyrd Sisters.

sion set off years of appeals, as well as court battles between Barvluk's former lawyer, Campbell and other judges, whom the lawyer accused of acting inappropriately. Those accusations

were later deemed baseless, and Baryluk has since changed lawyers.

While the settlement details are unknown, DVDs of the movie and CDs of the soundtrack, continue to be available.

The lawsuit was met with anger among Harry Potter fans and followers of British rock groups Radiohead and Pulp, whose members appeared in the film as the now-unnamed band.

They accused Baryluk of seeking publicity and quick cash. They pointed out that references to Weird Sisters or Wyrd Sisters go back centuries, including three characters in Shakespeare's Macbeth. But Baryluk said she was simply trying to protect a name she had spent 15 years building.

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### Spy novelist Le Carre caught on documentary

FILM When people think of John le Carre, they probably picture him like one of the characters in his iconic spy novels — in a trench-coat, under a fog-enshrouded street lamp, waiting for the handoff of an envelope of secrets. But that wasn't the im-

pression given Werner Kohne, one of the directors of King of Spies — John le Carre, which has just premiered at Montreal's International Festival of Films on Art.

"He comes very close to what one generally expects an English gentleman to be - humorous, self-deprecating, restrained and both courteous and friendly to his guests," the German filmmaker said in an

But getting le Carre -

whose name is the nom de plume of David John Moore Cornwell — to consent to participate in the film took almost as much effort as fictitious spy handler George Smiley expended in getting the notorious superagent Karla to defect.

It took a year to get the 78-year-old le Carre on board, Kohne says, because his previous experiences with the media had left a

Once le Carre signed on, he was "very constructive and co-operative," Kohne said, but he did lay down a few ground rules.

"He told us very frankly what he didn't want: to appear in the film as a fiercelooking man, standing in the rain in a loden coat.

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### All wild, all the time

National Geographic'S WILD show debuts in U.S.

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When you flip on Nat Geo WILD, soon to be available in the United States for the first time, it'll be all wild, all the time — and available in HD.

The 24-hour WILD was introduced in Hong Kong three years ago and is available in more than 50 countries, said Geoff Daniels, the executive in charge of programming for the new network. The United States will be added today, nine years after Nat Geo went on the air.

WILD has been one of fast growing National Geographic projects internationally, Daniels said. High definition makes the timing right and the viewing awesome, he said.

High definition, Daniels said, gives filmmakers new power to peel back the mysteries of the wild world, including the daily struggles of life in the wild.



Mireya Mayor, primatologist, and a juvenile Western Lowland gorilla in the Republic of Congo during a filming for National Geographic's Nat Geo WILD series in the Republic of Congo.

"We're not going to shy away from getting viewers closer to that experience," he said.

Daniels warned viewers that the new network isn't about animals gone wild but animals IN the wild.

"We are not aiming at kids, but night in and night out, there will be a lot of programming that parents and children alike can be really comfortable coming to," he said. "We're not doing this for cheap thrills."

What will people see? Two new series on WILD are Rebel Monkeys and Expedition Wild with Casey Ander-

Rebel Monkeys looks at a sacred gang of monkeys who live at the Galta Temple in the Indian city of Jaipur. A drought has threatened their food supply and camera crews follow them as they search for food — and often find trouble — on the streets of the city.

Anderson is a naturalist whose best friend and best man at his wedding is a 400kilogram grizzly bear named Brutus.

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#### **Box Office**

How to Train Your Dragon:

\$43.3 million

2Alice in Wonderland: \$17.3 million US

Hot Tub Time

\$13.7 million

The Bounty Hunter: \$12.4 million

Diary of a Wimpy

\$10 million

She's Out of My League:

\$3.5 million

Green Zone: \$3.3 million

Shutter Island:

\$3.2 million

Repo Men: \$3 million

10 Our Family Wedding:

\$2.2 million

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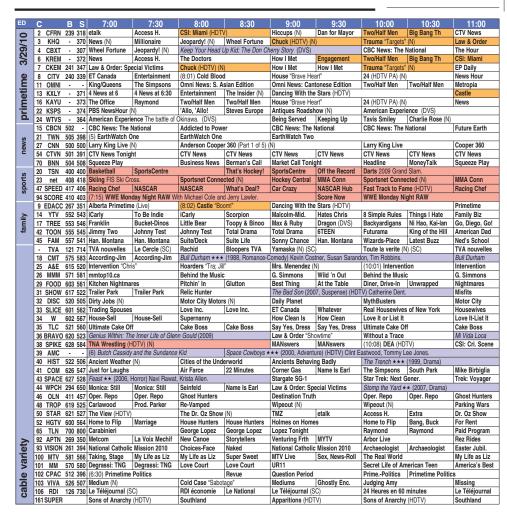


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Hailey Glassman is planning on becoming a star like her ex-boyfriend Jon Gosselin, left, popeater.com reports. "I was offered to do a show called Starting Over, which will be about me leaving New York and all the negative behind me," she told radaronline.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

#### **Celebrity Buzz**

## Not so Sunny for Sandra Wants to grace the silver

COMPLICATED? Sandra Bullock has contacted family lawvers to fight for custody of her stepdaughter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress whose husband Jesse James allegedly cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle "Bombshell" McGee — has reportedly contacted legal representatives and has been devastated to find

affect her chances of getting custody of stepdaughter Sunny.

A U.S. legal source said: "Infidelity has no bearing on custody. The most she can aim for right now is split custody, and a lot of that would have to be agreed by him."

A source close to the star added: "Sandra is beside

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that she's at risk of losing everything. Sunny means the world to her. She loves that girl to death.

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### screen with her presence

THE IDEA OF A 50-FOOT HEIGH HEIDLIS TERRIEVING Her MTV reality series has been canceled and her attempt at being a pop singer fizzled, but Heidi Montag insists she's now found her call-

ing.
"I'm so excited The Hills is finally over and I can now become a full-time motion picture actress," Montag tells People magazine. "I'm now finally free to start my career and my new life as

female mogul in Hollywood.

And Montag has aspirations beyond acting, crossing over into screenwriting as well.
"I am making the first 3-

D beach comedy about a shark that attacks a

small beach town and I save the day with my 3-D boobs," she says. "I've even written a role for Dolly Parton to play the town mayor.

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### Not doing a song and dance

TOO BUSY MAKING WINNERS LIKE DEAR JOHN Mamma Mia! star Amanda Seyfried has confessed she started rumours movie bosses were planning a sequel to the musical hit — because she's desperate to reprise role. femaleher

first.co.uk reports. The actress found fame — and love with co-star Dominic Cooper when she landed a lead role in the Abba-inspired 2008 film.

Director Phylli-

da Lloyd was last year reported to be working on a follow-up — but Seyfried admits she took the gossip she'd heard and spread it around Hollywood.

She adds, "My boyfriend (Cooper) had talked to Phyllida (Lloyd) and she said that if they do Mamma Mia! they are going to use a whole new cast and do a prequel. And then that's when I said 'No, it's not going to happen.'

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MATE. NOPE, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO HER EITHER While they may or may not be dating, Jessica Simpson and Billy Corgan have found something they enjoy doing together after Corgan taught Simpson how to play chess, according to the National Enquirer.

"He taught her how to play and

surprised at how quickly she got the hang of it, but she is yet to beat

him," a source says.

"Billy likes share his hobbies with his friends." The pair reportedly have an intense weekly game going.

#### Celeb**Tweets**

Conan O'Brien gets help posting on Twitter, Ben Stiller has kind words for Justin Bieber, and Lindsay Lohan is surprised to see herself on

@ConanOBrien sklfjslj;v999[aeae0c (my dog's first tweet)

@RedHourBen Met Justin Bieber tonight on Letterman. Told him to hang in there, things will happen for him eventually

@lindsaylohan okay, this was weird!! i was just watching a recorded 30ROCK & when it finished it went back 2 regular tv & "Georgia Rule" is on! so random! flats



#### Lilo left out

DEE-NIED! Lindsay Lohan had trouble getting into a Victoria's Secret party recently while Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie and Russell Brand celebrated inside, according to Radar Online.

"As soon as she strolled up to the door, the rope was quickly pulled in front of her," a source says. "She tried to pass the big bodyguard but he blocked her wav.'

A source associated with the party insists it was just a misunderstanding, and

that "Lindsay wasn't banned from the guest list."

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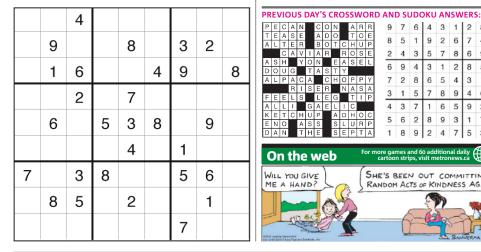


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#### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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#### **Roasted Tomato.** Pepper and

**Metro Recipe of the Day** 

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 red onion, with skin, quartered 2 red peppers, halved lengthwise

**Chorizo Soup** 

4 plum tomatoes, halved 2 garlic cloves, unpeeled 2 cups chicken stock 540 mL can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed 100 g chorizo, chopped 2 tsp balsamic vinegar

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Arrange onion, peppers and tomatoes on baking sheet, cut sides down, with garlic cloves.

1/3 cup fresh basil, torn

2. Cook vegetables 6-8 minutes or until skins begin to blacken. Remove skins from onion, pepper and tomatoes, and

squeeze garlic flesh from skins.

3. Chop half of vegetables into small chunks and put remainder into blender with garlic flesh and stock. Process until smooth, then add to pot with chopped vegetables. Season soup with salt and ground black pepper.

4. Bring soup to boil, stirring occasionally. Add beans, chorizo and balsamic vinegar, cover and simmer gently 2-3 minutes. Toss basil into soup and serve.

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#### ARIES

star a war you can't win.

#### MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You may be right to get angry with someone who has let you down but keep your feelings to yourself, at least for now. Don't

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

(≏) A second opinion is a must today, especially if you are the kind of Libra who is prone to negative thinking. You don't have to suffer alone.

#### **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21

#### Don't be so hard on yourself. You make mistakes like every-

one else and there is no reason why you should feel bad about **SCORPIO** 

#### OCT 24-NOV 22

Others are so used to you acting in a predictable fashion that if you do something out of the ordinary you'll take them by surprise.

#### **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

 $(\pi)$ Set yourself towering targets, but don't forget that to reach them you will have to take it a step at a time. What do you want most out of life?

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

what you've got.

NOV 23-DEC 21
Friends and relatives will appreciate it if you don't make a song and dance over minor irritations today. Make the best of

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 Someone has been giving you a hard time and now you must stand up for yourself and tell them a few home truths.

#### CAPRICORN DEC 22-IAN 20

A setback of some kind is likely over the next two or three days but it's not the end of the world so there is no need to de-

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

The reason why some people are acting in a negative way towards you is because you are projecting negative signals.

#### **AQUARIUS** JAN 21-FEB 18

You may have to turn down a social or travel invitation either today or tomorrow and you won't be too happy about it. Stay close to home.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

There is no point worrying about your financial situation and making yourself depressed. Chances are you are not seeing things too clearly.

#### **PISCES**

FEB 19-MARCH 20 Nothing is ever as bad as it seems and you need to keep that point in mind over the next 48 hours. Find ways to cheer yourself up.

#### This day in history

1867: Queen Victoria gives Royal Assent to the British North America Act which establishes the Dominion of Canada on July 1.

1886: Dr. John Pemberton brews the first batch of Coca-Cola in a backyard in Atlanta, Ga.

1951: Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. 1973: Vietnam War: The last United States combat sol-

diers leave South Vietnam. 1993: Catherine Callbeck becomes premier of Prince

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